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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR**  
14 **THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

15 Allen Loretz, individually and on behalf of  
16 all others similarly situated,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 Regal Stone, Ltd., Hanjin Shipping, Co.,  
Ltd., Synergy Maritime, Ltd., Fleet  
20 Management Ltd., and John Cota, *In*  
*Personam*; M/V Cosco Busan, their engines,  
21 tackle, equipment, appurtenances, freights,  
and cargo *In Rem*,

22 Defendants.  
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Case No. C 07-5800 SC  
And related cases:

07-6045 SC, 08-2268 SC, 08-2052 SC,  
08-5098 SC, 09-01469 SC

**DECLARATION OF JOHN  
ATKINSON IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
FINAL APPROVAL OF THE  
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

1 I, JOHN ATKINSON, declare as follows:

2 1. I am over the age of 18 and I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in  
3 this Declaration and can competently testify to the statements contained herein.

4 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of the  
5 Class Action Settlement. Unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the facts set  
6 forth in this Declaration and could testify competently to them if called upon to.

7 3. I am an individual and representative in this case. Through my attorneys, I have  
8 brought claims on behalf of the Settlement Class.

9 4. I am a commercial Dungeness crab fisherman operating out San Francisco. I have  
10 commercially fished for Dungeness crabs in the San Francisco Bay Area for 20 years.

11 5. As Class Representative, I have actively participated in all aspects of this  
12 litigation. I reviewed and assisted my attorneys draft the complaint. I gathered documents  
13 including landing records and tax returns to assist my attorneys in prosecuting this litigation.  
14 My attorneys have consulted with me on settlement and other class issues. I also made myself  
15 available to my attorneys, via telephone and in person, from the beginning of this litigation and  
16 will continue to do so for as long as this case remains active.

17 6. I am familiar with the terms of the Settlement. I reviewed the settlement  
18 agreement before agreeing to its terms. I recognize that the Settlement is a negotiated  
19 compromise between the parties and that Class members will receive varying amounts of relief  
20 depending on their particular circumstances. Nonetheless, I think the Settlement provides good  
21 relieve for myself and my fellow Settlement Class members and fairly takes into account a  
22 variety of factors which could have affected my claims as well as those of fellow Class members.  
23 Because of this, I support the Settlement.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury of the law of California and the United States that the  
2 foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed in Coste Madera  
3 Madera County, California, on July 1, 2010.

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